

ĀLIAMANU/SALT LAKE/FOSTER VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 18

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<u>DRAFT</u> REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016 OAHU VETERANS CENTER

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>: Chair David Yomes called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. **Quorum was established with seven (7) members present.** Note: This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

<u>Board Members Present</u>: Eric Ching, Dennis Egge, Patti Igawa, Chandra Kanemaru, Lennard Pepper, Roderick Spadinger, and David Yomes.

Board Members Absent: Larry Baird and David Czar.

<u>Guests</u>: Major Ryan Borges, Lieutenant Stacey Kapeliela, and Sergeant Richard Jang (Honolulu Police Department, District 3-Pearl City); Lieutenant Brian West and Sergeant Keith Kessler (Honolulu Police Department, District 5-Kalihi); Captain Todd B. Cabral and Fire Fighter L. Shiroma (Honolulu Fire Department); Deputy Director Jade Butay (Governor David Ige's Representative/Department of Transportation); Representative Linda Ichiyama; Representative Aaron Ling Johanson's Office; Deputy Director Jeanne Ishikawa (Department of Parks and Recreation); Chris Sayers and Mike Packard (Department of Transportation Services); Dinna Schwiering (Councilmember Joey Manahan's Office); Pat Lee, Johnny Reid and Chris Wong (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation); Aaron Acosta (Board of Water Supply); Christine Kline (Weston Solutions); A.H. Smith; Bob Cunningham (Neighborhood Security Watch); Kenneth Kanehiro; Chace Shigemasa; David Alexander (Hawaii Bicycling League); Gloria Borland; Suzette Adversalo; Steven Antonio (DVDmodo); and Stephen Saito (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Roll Call of Board Members: Quorum was established with seven (7) members present.

CITY AND COUNTY POLICE/FIRE

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Fire Fighter L. Shiroma reported the following:

- October 2016 Fire Statistics: There were 0 structure fires, 0 wildland/brush fires, 2 nuisance fires, 0 cooking
 fires, and 11 activated alarms with no fire. There were 86 medical emergencies, 0 motor vehicle collisions
 with pedestrian, 11 motor vehicle crashes/collisions, 0 mountain rescues, 0 ocean rescues, and 0
 hazardous materials incidents.
- <u>Thanksgiving Day Fire Safety</u>: Thanksgiving Day is the peak day for home cooking fires followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve. Unattended cooking is the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and deaths nationwide. The following are safety tips for the upcoming Thanksgiving Day holiday:
 - Stay in the kitchen when cooking; do not leave cooking unattended.
 - Keep children at least three (3) feet away from the stove.
 - o For an oven fire, turn off the heat, and keep the oven door closed.

HFD discourages the use of turkey fryers, as they may lead to burns and other injuries and can cause property damage, due to the large amount and high temperature of oil being used.

- <u>Kalua Turkey</u> Kalua turkey is a popular alternative and imu, or underground ovens are common cooking methods:
 - Dig the imu where the fire cannot accidentally spread and create a fire hazard.
 - o Avoid placing the imu where the smoke will blow into or across homes.
 - Let the neighbors know the plans, so they are aware of the smoke.
 - o Call the HFD prior to lighting the imu fire at 723-3473.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: <u>Nuisance Fires</u>: Pepper asked for details about the nuisance fires. Fire Fighter Shiroma will follow-up. Pepper further asked if the nuisance fires are reported to HPD. Fire Fighter Shiroma answered in the negative.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District 3-Pearl City: Sergeant Richard Jang reported the following: October

- <u>2016 Crime Statistics</u>: There were 5 motor vehicle thefts, 2 burglaries, 17 thefts and 1 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV); and a total of 6,234 calls for service and 360 calls for service for beat 384.
- <u>Safety Tip</u>: Make sure to lock the motor vehicle and ensure valuables are secure when doing holiday shopping.

Honolulu Police Department District 5-Kalihi: Lieutenant Brian West reported the following:

- <u>September 2016 Crime Statistics</u>: There were 7 motor vehicle thefts, 4 burglary, 7 thefts and 5 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV); and a total of 601 calls for service for beat 550/551.
- Safety Tip: Do not drink alcohol while cooking.
- <u>Crime Mapping</u>: HPD is seeking input from the community about the preference of adding additional crime statistics such as violent crimes on HPD's crime map at www.honolulupd.org.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- <u>Crime Statistics</u>: Ching commented about abstaining from voting on his preference in HPD adding additional
 information such as violent crimes on HPD's crime map due to the concern of privacy for those who are
 determined innocent. Lieutenant West responded that the crime statistics would not identify individuals and
 would only give a general area of the location of the alleged crimes.
- 2. <u>Categories of Crimes</u>: Pepper asked and Lieutenant West answered that HPD normally only provides property crimes for crime statistics. Pepper further commented about the Board's priorities with HPD and requested that the crime statistics provided to the Board be broken down further into the various types of crimes relating to the total calls for service. Lieutenant West answered that HPD only reports crimes that are official crime cases and commented about many of the calls for services being unrelated to a crime case.
- 3. <u>Violent Crimes</u>: Chair Yomes commented that violent crimes are not serial in nature whereas property crimes are. Chair Yomes also commented about how crimes statistics details could affect the economic status in a neighborhood based on the number of crimes reported in a specific neighborhood.

<u>75th Commemoration of Pearl Harbor</u>: Various representatives from HPD, HFD, Department of Public Safety (PSD), Department of Transportation Services (DTS), Department of Emergency Management (DEM), and Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) reported the following:

- National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration: The National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration will be held at Kilo Pier at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam from 7:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. The public is advised to avoid the area of the Pearl Harbor corridor for the reason of traffic congestion. There will be a two (2) hour shuttling service to transport individuals to Kilo Pier from Aloha Stadium.
- <u>Waikiki Events</u>: There will be a moving showing in Waikiki at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2016. Road closures will be in place.
- Traffic: It is encouraged to use traffic applications to get traffic updates for these events. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. will be the critical traffic congestion time period for events to occur at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. In 2015, a test was implemented to evaluate the traffic flow for the events. For more information about the traffic modifications and alternative routes are posted online at www.pearlharbor75thanniversary.com.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1. <u>Public Announcements</u>: Igawa asked what sort of announcements were made to notify the public about the events and traffic concerns. A HPD representative answered that various government officials will be attending various neighborhood Board meetings that is in the affected area and notifying them about the events and that there will be future announcements on the radio.
- 2. <u>Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) Construction Work:</u> Spadinger asked and Chris Wong from HART answered that full closure of rail work will be in effect for Wednesday. December 7, 2016.
- 3. <u>President Barack Obama's Attendance</u>: Ching asked if President Barack Obama will attending the events on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. A HPD representative noted that it is not known for sure.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS: There were no Community Concerns.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL REPORTS

<u>Governor David Ige's Representative</u>: Deputy Director Jade Butay, Department of Transportation (HDOT), announced that copies of the Capital Connection newsletter were circulated and highlighted the following:

- <u>Capital Connection Highlights</u>: The Capital Connection includes highlights such as HDOT's economic strategies to reduce costs and about the overcrowding of Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC).
- <u>Aloha Stadium</u>: Pepper's concerns regarding community input about the future usage of Aloha Stadium was relayed to the Aloha Stadium authorities.
- <u>Salt Lake Boulevard Construction Projects</u>: Concerns regarding Salt Lake Boulevard from Baird was relayed to construction crews and there are delays with construction.
- Streetlights: The streetlights at the corner of Loina Place and Luapele Place were replaced.
- <u>Ala Alii Street Sidewalk</u>: Ala Alii Street is a City street. The contractor is normally in charge of clearing up the area.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1. Aloha Stadium: Pepper asked if the Board could be more involved in the future use of Aloha Stadium.
- 2. <u>Streetlights</u>: Ching thanked the State for the replacement of the streetlights. Ching further asked if the tree blocking the streetlight along Salt Lake Boulevard near to Luapele Place be removed.

<u>Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative</u>: Director Robert Kroning, Department of Design and Construction (DDC) reported the highlights in the City's Newsletter and the following:

- <u>No Parking Area</u>: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will be conducting an investigation of the parking concerns on Ala Lilikoi Street. DTS will inform the Board at the completion of their investigation.
- <u>Illegally Posted Signs</u>: The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) Road Maintenance crews checked the area of Likini Street and Wanaka Street at the Salt Lake Boulevard intersection for illegally posted signs within the City's road right of way. The signs will be removed as appropriate.
- <u>Community Workshop</u>: There will be a Halawa Area Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Plan Community Workshop at Aloha Stadium, Hospitality Room from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: <u>Traffic Signals</u>: Spadinger requested for an update on DTS's plans for the traffic signals along Salt Lake Boulevard at the intersection on Arizona Road and Ala Lilikoi Street.

Senator Glenn Wakai: A representative was not present; no report was provided.

Councilmember Joey Manahan: Dinna Schwiering circulated a newsletter presented the following:

- <u>Salt Lake Waterway Update</u>: DFM Director Ross Sasamura is still working on the final draft of the bill relating to the Salt Lake Waterway. Councilmember Manahan will be meeting with Director Sasamura on the bill.
- Resolution 16-275: Resolution 16-275 was introduced by Councilmember Manahan urging the Honolulu Country Club to fulfill its obligation to maintain the Salt Lake Waterway and its banks and was referred to the Committee on Public Works, Infrastructure and Sustainability.
- <u>Streetlight Repairs</u>: A request to DFM was requested to replace the streetlights on Luapele Street and Loina Place.
- Haloa Drive: The grass was trimmed on Haloa Drive.

Representative Linda Ichiyama: Representative Ichiyama circulated a newsletter and reported the following:

- <u>Moanalua Elementary School Family Fun Fair</u>: The Moanalua Elementary School Family Fun Fair will be from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Moanalua Elementary School on Friday, November 18, 2016.
- <u>Text to 911</u>: Text to 911 is an emergency service that is provided to all mobile users in Hawaii. It allows texts to contact 911 instead of call 911 on the cell phone.

Representative Aaron Johanson: Representative Aaron Johanson circulated a newsletter and reported the following: <u>2017 Legislative Session</u>: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 is the opening of the legislative session. November 2016 to December 2016 would be the opportune time to notify legislators about legislative ideas to be brought up for the new legislative session.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART): Pat Lee and Chris Wong from HART reported the following:

 <u>HART Update</u>: Chair Hanabusa and Acting Executive Director Mike Formby have resigned from the Board and replacements have been named for those positions. Krishniah Murthy will be the interim Executive Director, Damien Kim has taken over as the HART chairman, and Terrance Lee will be the Vice Chair. Glenn Nohara was sworn in the join the Board. HART has prepared an interim plan for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) prior to the formal FTA recovery plan for the project as required by the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA). The interim plan lays out two (2) possible scenarios: Plan A is to obtain more funds and complete the entire 20-mile, 21 station project. If no additional funding is acquired, Plan B would only build what the existing funding and budget provides to reach downtown, but would require deferral or elimination of project components such as the Pearl Highlands parking garage and the stations between Middle Street and Downtown station. HART's preference is to complete the full 20-miles, 21 station rail project. More information will be available as the process moves forward. HART is also examining all opportunities for savings and efficiencies to reduce the overall construction costs such as exploring other means of funding including public private partnerships. The agency is undertaking risk analysis and management for future construction components to better anticipate upcoming construction challenges in the City Center section of the project. The final column for the first 10 miles of the route has been poured, with the stations from Aloha Stadium to East Kapolei starting construction. The Airport Guideway and Stations between Aloha Stadium and Middle Street, including the Middle Street, Lagoon Drive, Airport and Pearl Harbor stations will also be starting work. There will be a reduced work schedule for the holidays to minimize construction impacts.

- Traffic Updates: For traffic updates, visit, www.honolulutransit.org or contact 566-2299.
- <u>Construction Update</u>: Lane Width on Kamehameha Highway was 12 feet and will now be 11 feet. Road
 restoration work will be ongoing on Acacia Road. Holiday road construction hours will be in effect to
 minimize impact in specific areas.

U.S. Military: There was no representative; no report was provided.

SCHOOLS: There was no representative; no report was provided.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY (BWS): Aaron Acosta reported the following:

- October 2016 Main Breaks: There were no water main breaks.
- <u>BWS Long Range Water Master Plan Adopted</u>: At BWS's October 2016 Board of Director's meeting, the Board of Directors approved the adoption of BWS Water Master Plan. The plan serves as road map for BWS to continue providing Oahu residents with safe, dependable, and affordable water. The final Water Master Plan incorporates feedback from several dozen commenters who participated in the 60-day public comment period, as well as the BWS Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG). The BWS appreciates the comments provided by the public and remains committed to an open and transparent process and will continue to engage the public to ensure the plan represents the customer's needs. With the approved Water Master Plan, the BWS will develop a 30-year Capital Improvement Program, develop a long-term Financial Plan, and conduct a Rate Study to finance the implementation of the Plan. To view the BWS Water Master Plan, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com/watermasterplan. Residents may also call 748-5347 or e-mail BWSWaterMasterPlan@hbws.org for more information.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: <u>Electric Box at Puuloa Road</u>: Spadinger asked if the electric box at Puuloa Road could be sealed or removed. Acosta will follow-up.

BOARD BUSINESS

<u>HPD's Crime Mapping</u>: Chair Yomes noted that this agenda item was discussed earlier in the meeting and noted his appreciation for Mayor Caldwell and Chief Louis Kealoha's efforts in keeping Honolulu's violent crime statistics low.

Request to have High School Video Tape Regular Meetings: Chair Yomes clarified that the video contract with the contractor DVDmodo was extended until 2018 and noted his disappointment that despite Board action, action was taken to extend the contract with DVDmodo instead of providing the opportunity for Radford High School students to videotape Board meetings. Ching asked if internships with the students could be considered. Chair Yomes responded that the instructor in charge of the videography at Radford High School has experience working with Olelo and could instruct the students on how to videotape the meetings for Olelo.

PRESENTATIONS

<u>Community Impact Study Regarding Military Troop Reductions</u>: Christine Kline from Weston Solutions presented the following: <u>Community Impact Study Update</u>: There was a reduction of 1500 military troops in Hawaii. Weston

Solutions collected various data relating to its implied impact to the community. Based on the zip codes of military troops, the communities most impacted are the North Shore, Wahiawa, Salt Lake, and Ewa Beach. Public School education impact was also evaluated and determined that the reductions lead to a 900 student reduction in the public school system which is estimated to be a \$1.4 million loss in federal funds for education. 1,400 jobs were also impacted by the reductions. Surveys were circulated for individuals who have not yet filled it out.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1. <u>Community Impact Surveys</u>: Spadinger asked how the community impact surveys are being circulated to the public. Kline answered that surveys were being circulated at Board meetings, commented about an article on Hawaii News Now, and commented about a video uploaded on YouTube.
- 2. <u>Technical Professionals</u>: A community member commented about the loss of technical professionals who are impacted by the military troop reduction and noted his interest in assisting Weston Solutions.

Ala Napunani Street Project: Chris Sayers and Mike Packard from DTS presented the following: Ala Napunani Street Project Design: Chris Sayers presented the new designs for a road diet on Ala Napunani Street and that Mike Packard was hired as a Complete Streets Program Administrator. The center lane will be used for left turns and there will be bicycle lanes on both sides of the road. The significance of the design is that it promotes safety.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- TheBus: Igawa asked how TheBus vehicles will be able to pick up passengers at the curb. Sayers answered
 that TheBus stop would be retained and TheBus vehicle would need to safely cross over the bike lane to
 park at the curb. Sayers further added that the right of way would be given to the bicyclists. Igawa
 commented that the new road configuration may be unsafe for pedestrian. Sayers answered that the new
 road configuration will be designed to be safer for pedestrian.
- 2. Moanalua High School: Chair Yomes asked if the Principal of Moanalua High School was informed of the project and if Sayers is aware of the impact to the ingress and egress access to the school. Sayers answered that he is aware of the traffic congestion from students walking to school and noted that the critical time period for the traffic congestion is only for about a 15 minute time period where there is not much to be done to avoid the issue.
- 3. <u>Center Lane</u>: Kanemaru commented about emergency vehicles and Sayers responded that the center lane could be used for emergency vehicles to bypass traffic.
- 4. <u>Project Timeline</u>: Kanemaru asked about the timeline for the project. Sayers answered that the project is on time and that the design of the project is due in December 2016 which was only recently changed.
- Concerns: Resident Kenneth Kanehiro commented about the various rumors that he has heard about the road project and that there needs to be better communications to address the traffic back-up before school starts.
- 6. Road Diets: Chris Wong, Chairperson for the Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No. 16 commented about the plans for a road diet that was implemented on Kamehameha IV Road and noted the Board's support for the road diet design.
- 7. <u>Bicycling</u>: Daniel Alexander from Hawaii Bicycling League commented that road diets are a benefit for bicyclists and for improved road safety.
- 8. <u>Parking</u>: Resident Chace Shigemasa asked if the road diet would affect the availability of on-street parking. Sayers answered in the negative and noted that there would be no markings for individual parking stalls, but would leave delineated markings for the lanes.
- 9. <u>Crosswalks</u>: Shigemasa raised a safety concerns about the crosswalks next to Moanalua High School and individuals parking too close to the crosswalks which impairs the vision of motorists.

Chair Yomes moved and Egge seconded that the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 support the Ala Napunani Street Project. The motion was ADOPTED, 7-0-0 (Aye: Ching, Egge, Igawa, Kanemaru, Pepper, Spadinger, and Yomes; Nay: none; Abstain: none).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Salt Lake Boulevard Widening: There was no report at this time.

HART Rail Transit Project: There was no report at this time.

<u>APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES</u>: **The October 13, 2016 regular meeting minutes were ADOPTED, 7-0-0 (Aye**: Ching, Egge, Igawa, Kanemaru, Pepper, Spadinger, and Yomes; **Nay**: none; **Abstain**: none).

CHAIR'S REPORT: There was no Chair's Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Spadinger reported a balance of \$237.69 for October 2016. Egge commented about the cost of the videography contract and suggest that the Board remove the videography contract.

BOARD DELEGATES REPORTS:

- Public Safety: There was no report.
- Transportation: There was no report.
- Emergency Preparedness: There was no report.
- Health & Human Services: Kanemaru announced that the Honolulu City Lights will be held at the Honolulu
 Hale and Fasi Civic Center on Saturday, December 3, 2016. Kanemaru also announced that the Kapolei
 City Lights will be held at Kapolei Hale on Saturday, December 10, 2016.
- <u>Legislation</u>: Spadinger commented about the \$29 million budget boost proposal for University of Hawaii (UH) at Manoa for various projects such as the UH Cancer Center and commented about the smoke tax.
- Parks and Recreation: There was no report.
- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO): There was no report.
- Senior Citizens: There was no report.
- Education/Environment: There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMNTS:

- <u>Aloha Stadium Museum</u>: Resident Gloria Borland announced that she was inquiring community input until Friday, January 6, 2017 about installing a museum at Aloha Stadium Guideway Station.
- Recess: The Board will recess in December 2016.
- Next Meeting: The next regular Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC) Fred Ballard meeting hall, 1298 Kukila Street, Honolulu, HI 96818.
- <u>Broadcasts</u>: Broadcasts of Board meetings are aired on `Olelo Channel 49 on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9:00 p.m.; and the second and fourth Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Stephen Saito, Neighborhood Assistant Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant II

Final Review by: Chair David Yomes